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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed references be considered in the examination of this application and that their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

Respectfully Submitted,

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